

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for February 20, 2013, through March 19, 2013
- Consideration of Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2013, February 5, 2013, and February 19, 2013
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement (8)
Olivia Auston, S/N SGGS 10-34; David Steadman, S/N W-HMHE-65; Stuart King, S/N SG-RIOV-3-121; Reta Corbett, S/N SG-VVH-3-305; Blanche Barlow, A/N 0025877; Rosamond Applegate, S/N SG-TT-7; Pearl Johnson, S/N S-84; Roger Hardin, A/N 302359
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes (19):
Sardo and Suzy Appel, S/N SG-LOSG-2-228; Blanche Barlow, S/N SG-1504; Walter & Noelle Bunes, S/N W-116-A; Marlin & Akemi Cardon, S/N SG-BLH-11-60; William & Sheila Curl, S/N SG-TLP-2-241; Malachi & Latu Fakahua, S/N I-GAS-2-23; Don & Ellie Fuller, S/N SG-BCC-8-13; John Gardner, S/N 6115-A-4; Delbert & Emily Gollaher, S/N W-110-A-2; Greystone Holdings, S/N SG-RBTS-4-81; Holm Holdings, S/N HD-0-3-32-1121; Paul Knudson, S/N LV-BL-2-B; Joan & Peter Merrill, S/N SG-GSC-A-5; Bill Potter, S/N SG-BRTC-S203; Racing Ranches Enterprises, S/N SG-RRMHE-2-26; Kevin & Allison Reynolds, S/N LV-L-VE-13; David & Kaylisa Rowsell, S/N SG-RBE-A-15-A; Jose Uribe, S/N AV-AVR-2-7; Villa Ventures/Darrell Stephens, S/N H-DSHR-159; Randy Bowler/Vermillion Mountain, S/N I-DIS-48,49,50.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Application for Property Tax Abatement of Roger Hardin, Account Number 302359, which is denied. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

No presentations were made today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER

Sheriff Pulsipher deferred the specifics of the recent Search and Rescue (SAR) call-outs until the next meeting. Jesse Williams, the deputy in charge of the SAR team, has turned in his resignation, and his position is being reassigned.

PRESENTATION: DIXIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT / STUART BOWLER

Stuart Bowler, Chairman of the Dixie Conservation District (DCD), presented to the Commission the District Resource Assessment Plan. The DCD covers the entire county except for Enterprise, has a volunteer board, and assists the municipalities with their natural resource and planning needs. Their interests include the FFA program for youth, grazing improvement programs, range planning, and agriculture issues.

PURCHASE REQUEST(S) / TREVOR COOMBS

- Emergency Services, reimburse Iron County for Interoperable Communications purchases on 2011 SHSP grant \$ 23,656.09
- Washington County Sheriff's Office, vehicles \$ 92,417.36
- Washington County Sheriff's Office, vehicles \$ 55,877.00
- Washington County Sheriff's Office, ammunition \$ 57,889.44
- Washington County Sheriff's Office, True NAS Pro storage array ... \$ 25,995.00

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1711, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, AND MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA, REGARDING THE HOUSING OF INMATES AT THE PURGATORY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Washington County Sheriff's Office has participated in this agreement for many years, which spells out the costs associated with allowing Mohave County to house inmates at the Purgatory Correctional Facility overnight until they can be transported to Mohave County's facility located in Kingman, which is a considerable distance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1711, A Resolution Approving The Interlocal And Intergovernmental Agreement Between Washington County, Utah, And Mohave County, Arizona, Regarding The Housing Of Inmates At The Purgatory Correctional Facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1712, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SHAUNNA A. GOLDBERRY FOR DRAFTING, REVIEW, AND SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL

Commissioner Drake explained that the Weed Department is trying to arrange for a grant to eradicate weeds on a large parcel of land (nearly thirty-five hundred [3,500] acres) near New Harmony, and Ms. Goldberry has been retained to secure the necessary paperwork for that grant.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1712, A Resolution Ratifying A Consultant Agreement Between Washington County And Shaunna A. Goldberry For Drafting, Review, And Submittal Of A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Agriculture For Invasive Plant Control. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1713, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PINE VALLEY LOCAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD

Commissioner Gardner said that there are five (5) vacancies on that Board. All five (5) current members have requested re-appointment, and an additional five (5) new people have applied to serve on that Board. The Commission needs more time to interview and evaluate all applications. Additionally, of the five (5) vacancies, two (2) of the terms will be shortened in order to stagger the terms of service on this Board.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Table Resolution No. R-2013-1713, A Resolution Appointing/Re-Appointing Members To The Pine Valley Local District Administrative Control Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1714, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SNOW CANYON STATE PARK (THE STATE OF UTAH) AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING SUPPORT IN HOSTING THE IRONMAN 70.3 COMPETITION

This competition is also called the Half-Ironman, which will occur on May 4, 2013, and again on May 3, 2014. The new course for the marathon will run through Snow Canyon State Park and back down Route 18 back into St. George. This year's event is sold out. The fee is to offset the Park's cost in allowing spectators to view the event from within the Park.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1714, A Resolution Approving An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Snow Canyon State Park (The State Of Utah) And Washington County Regarding Support In Hosting The Ironman 70.3 Competition. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1715, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SHIVWITS BAND OF THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR A CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED ON THE SHIVWITS INDIAN RESERVATION

Mr. Clarke said that this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reflects the desire by the Shivwits Indian Band to have a Washington County Building Inspector perform a routine inspection of the convenience store to ensure that all County codes are complied with.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1711, A Resolution Approving The Interlocal And Intergovernmental Agreement Between Washington County, Utah, And Mohave County, Arizona, Regarding The Housing Of Inmates At The Purgatory Correctional Facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO WASHINGTON COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, SECTION VIII: BENEFITS

Mr. Cox said that the County Human Resources Department periodically reviews its policies to ensure that they are fiscally sound and in compliance with regulations. This particular revision concerns those serving in the military to help offset the lower pay they receive while performing their National Guard and other duties. He recommended adoption of this policy effective January 1, 2014.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Revision To Washington County Policy And Procedures Manual, Section VIII: Benefits, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead said that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project on Highway 91 is complete. Federal Highways will next be performing its portion of the reconstruction work (new culverts, fill-in on shoulders, etc.) and is expected to complete that work around the first part of June. There are still going to be travel restrictions on that section of roadway, and the public is cautioned to drive carefully. After that work is complete, the County Road Department will be finishing the chip seal work on that road.

County Development and Planning Business: Review Actions of Planning Commission on 3-12-13:

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Request permission for an exception to height limitations on a sixty-foot silo and to establish a batch plant at Snowfield Rock

Products, which is an existing gravel crushing operation north of Pintura; Tom Walbom/Granite Construction Company, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Request permission for bike ride Tour Del Sol to be held on March 23-24, 2013; the route will loop from St. George up Highway 18 to Veyo and back via the road from Veyo to Gunlock, Hwy 91 to Beaver Dam area, and back to St. George; Spin Geeks, LLC/Red Rock Bicycle, applicant.

Washington County Planner Scott Messel said that the first of these conditional use permit extensions was allowed to lapse, as Granite Construction Company was not interested in renewing the permit. No action was taken by the Planning Commission. The second item submitted by Spin Geeks takes place on March 23 and 24, 2013; the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN